

SECRETARY OF STATE[721]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 17A.4 and 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 516, section 23, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “Rules of Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This proposed amendment is necessary because the General Assembly has enacted 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 516. The Secretary of State has determined that as a result of this newly enacted law, the following amendment is necessary to fund the Technology Modernization Fund within the Secretary of State’s office. Previously, **ARC 3467C** (IAB 11/22/17) made updates to various chapters under the Secretary of State’s administrative rules, including rule 721—2.3(631) and Chapters 30 and 40. This amendment will harmonize the language found in subrule 2.3(5) for fee increases with the sunset and limiting provisions adopted in **ARC 3467C**.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before January 9, 2018. Written suggestions or comments should be directed to Eric R. Gookin, Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; or by email to eric.gookin@sos.iowa.gov.

Persons who want to convey their views orally or who want to request the opportunity to make a public presentation in regard to this amendment should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-0145 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 516, section 23.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 721—2.3(631) as follows:

721—2.3(9,631) Payment for services. The secretary of state may approve accounts to be used for the payment of services provided by the secretary of state. A user of a service provided by the secretary of state may make payment for the service by authorizing a charge to be made upon an account held by the user.

2.3(1) The secretary of state may prescribe and furnish forms for the purpose of authorizing a charge to be made upon an account. The secretary of state may refuse to charge an account for service requested without the appropriate form.

2.3(2) Application for account. Application for an account shall be made upon a form prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state. The account holder is subject to the terms and conditions contained in the application. The secretary of state reserves the right to adopt changes to the terms and conditions of the account. The secretary of state reserves the right to close a delinquent account.

2.3(3) Account holders will receive a monthly statement of account. The statement will include, for each transaction, the date and amount of the transaction. A transaction may include more than one filing fee.

2.3(4) Payment in full is due within 15 days of the date of the statement of account. An account is considered delinquent after the expiration of 30 days from the date of the statement of account. Interest and finance charges may be assessed on delinquent accounts in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 535.

2.3(5) An annual fee of \$100 shall be paid by an account holder for the privilege of maintaining an account. The annual fee shall cover a 12-month period measured from the first day of the month in which the account is approved by the secretary of state. An account that is not delinquent one month prior to the expiration of the annual period shall be renewed upon the payment of the annual fee. The secretary of state shall charge the annual fee to the account on the statement of the account for the monthly period prior to the expiration date. The annual fee shall be used for the purpose of offsetting the expenses incurred by the secretary of state in maintaining the account. Upon the expiration of the technology modernization fund in Iowa Code section 9.4A, as created by 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 516, section 23, the fee will revert to the amount authorized prior to July 1, 2017. Funds generated by the increase of this fee shall be exclusively used for improving business services technology.

2.3(6) Accounts maintained by the secretary of state prior to July 1, 1989, shall be terminated at the close of business on June 30, 1989, unless the holder of the account complies with subrule 2.3(5) and authorizes the secretary of state to continue the account by filing a renewal application on a form prescribed and furnished by the secretary of state.

2.3(7) The secretary of state shall assess a fee of \$10 for the receipt of a document filed under Iowa Code section 631.4(1)“d.”